



Twenty-six members of St. Margaret's Hospital School of Nursing, Class of 1954, who will be graduated on Friday, Aug. 20 at St. Peter's Church, Montgomery, are: (1 to r) first row, Janet Foshie, McKenzie; Mary Sue Mostellar, LaGrange, Ga.; Barbara Ann Odom, Greenville; Jean Kyrar Wilson, Troy; Annie Louise Thomas, Rockford; Dora Hurlstone Landon, Evergreen; Arvilla Rose McGraw, Shreveport, La. Second row, Robbie Nell Durden, Elysville; Maude Ellen Rockwell, Wytheville, Va.; Barbara Ann Thomas, Norfolk, Va.; Jessie Jeanene Bailey, Laverne; Dorothy Ann Short, Tallahassee; Margie Ruth Beverly, Greenville, Third row Melba Melva Heartsill, Ft. Deposit; Betty Carolyn Switzer, Columbus, Miss.; Mary Janell Matthews, Johnson City, Tenn.; Betty Jean Currier, Andalusia; June Perry, McKenzie; Margaret Frances Broxson, Milton, Fla. Fourth row, Sylvia Ann Wilson, Johnson City, Tenn.; Betty Sue Trammel, Crosspoint, Fla.; Della Joan Chambers, Ft. Pierce, Fla.; Dolene Sanford, Georgiana; Anne Carolyn Harden, Tallahassee; Jeanette Morrow, Elba; Mary Elita Starr, Montgomery.

50 Years Ago in Elba

By C. B. McDowell

C. A. Clark of Jack has accepted a position with the Elba dispensary. L. L. Pearce also has accepted employment at the dispensary as bottler. Both are clerical.

very young men.

50 Years Ago—

This week the county registrars are in session in the Circuit Court room. The board is

composed of J. M. Polson, H. B. Crook and C. M. Cox. The vote list is being purged of those who have been deceased, moved out of the state or otherwise disqualified. The work is tedious and difficult. The board announced that 326 had registered up to Thursday and it is expected that half that number will be stricken off the list.

50 Years Ago—

Mr. Bowers and family have moved to Elba from Beat 3 and are residing on Smith Avenue. Mr. Bowers will engage in the warehouse business.

50 Years Ago—

There was a "proposal party" given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Boyd in honor of their guest, Miss Lena Mizell of Opp.

50 Years Ago—

Mrs. J. M. Garrett and little daughter of Sanford, who have been quite ill while visiting relatives here, are convalescing and expect to be able to return home in the near future.

50 Years Ago—

Mrs. Ida Kimmy has purchased a nice lot on Depot St. and will build a modern home on it and move from the Damascus community as soon as it is completed.

50 Years Ago—

Messrs. Terry, Law & Co have retired from the lively stable business, i. e., the purchase and sale of horses. Mr. Law will continue business at the old stand and Mr. Terry states that he

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SHORT STORY

Meter Reader

By Ona F. Lathrop

3 Minute Fiction

F'D FENTON was whistling his usual merry tune as he turned into Maple Avenue that forenoon. He liked this job. It seemed sort of honorable to be working for the city after all the nearly little jobs he'd had in his forty-four years.

You got to chat with a lot of nice folks and see how the women kept their basements and help people out occasionally.

The only catch was that Water-Commissioner Thorpe was a hard man to work for. He caught you up on every little thing. Just that morning he had landed on Ed.

"Fenton, seems as if it takes a mighty long time to make the rounds on this meter-reading. What in tarnation do you do all that time?" His big form creaked the swivel chair as he pushed the book at Ed, and his own deep-

"Well, I hustle along," Ed hastened to reply. "Seems as if the women like it, that, especially if they are washing or ironing in their basements, and I just don't get along so fast."

And now he was late again. Could he help it if old Granny Mercer had asked him to get her washing-machine going when it stopped in the middle of her laundry? You couldn't get away from it, and that new little bride up the

street had trouble with her steam iron.

But he'd make up for it now. He glanced nervously at the big brick house at the end of the block. That was Commissioner Thorpe's own house and he hoped to make it before noon when Thorpe came home for lunch.

But just as he started down the basement steps at the Claytons he heard the hubbub.

"Ed, put him in the car and I'll get the keys," she yelled, tearing up the steps and back to the car by the time Ed got him in. "And you watch the baby, Eddie. She's in her play-pen."

Ed ran his hand through his tousled hair dazedly. "Wait a minute, baby!" indeed. Didn't the woman know he had work to do? But of course everybody knew Ed Fenton was an old easy-mark.

He went inside and found the baby clammering to get out of her pen. He picked her up and tried to quiet her, but it was no use. She wanted her mother, and no mere man would do. He took her to the door to divert her attention and there he saw her little cart.

"Baby go bye-bye?" He wasn't up on baby-talk much but he'd helped some with his sister's kids. He'd take her to some neighbor. After all you couldn't expect a man to lose his job for baby-sitting. He wheeled her down the front walk.

And there around the corner came Thorpe in his big black car, and Ed proceeded to explain how he happened to be in the block. "You see I was stuck with her. I'll find some neighbor woman."

But by that time the news had spread through the neighborhood from all the houses in the block. "Eddie, give me the little darling!" "Here, Ed, I'll take her. Good thing you came along just when you did."

"Oh, Eddie always saves the day," another one called. "He helped me with my clothes-line the last time."

"And he helped me move the junk out of my basement. Mr. Thorpe, you are a pretty good man for meter-reading. He makes more friends for the city than all the policemen."

These fishermen might have good intentions, but what a nuisance! These forest-paved with ashes!

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Little Mary Irene Campbell of Montgomery is spending this week with her aunt, Mrs. Jake Morrow.

Betty Jo Lambert and Jimmy Lambert have returned home after visiting Mr. & Mrs. Jake Morrow.

How To Kill Athletes Foot Germ

Quickly relieves itching, kills fungus of athlete's foot on contact. **WHEELMAN DRUG COMPANY**

Mr. & Mrs. Fox Brunson have returned from a two week visit to Miami, Daytona Beach and other points of interest in Florida.

Mrs. J. C. Fleming spent the day Thursday in Montgomery. Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Bryan and son of Jasper spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Baxter Bryan.

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Whitman spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Montgomery where they attended the Christmas show of Durr Drug Co. at the Whitley Hotel.

CIRCLE NO. 1

Circle No. 1 met Monday with Mrs. J. D. Whitman. Mrs. Sam Sawyer presided. Mrs. J. W. Moody gave the devotional and Mrs. M. L. Seay taught the devotional.

Miss Jean Taylor Honored at Tea

Mrs. Elmer Taylor was hostess on Saturday morning at a seated tea at her home on Opp Highway. This was in honor of Miss Jean Taylor, who married on Saturday.

B W C

Mrs. Gussie Hutchison was hostess to the BWC of the First Baptist Church Monday night. The meeting was held on the back lawn at her home.

Man Captured in 105 MPH Chase

A routine license check by State Highway Patrolman E. H. Jones ended up with the arrest of a 23-year-old Mobile man Sunday after a 23 1-2 mile chase over paved and dirt roads at speeds up to 105 miles per hour.

Marion Brunson Released by Army

Marion Brunson was recently released from active service at Camp Gordon, Ga. He was an instructor and supervisor in the Southeastern Signal School at Camp Gordon.

ATHLETE'S FOOT

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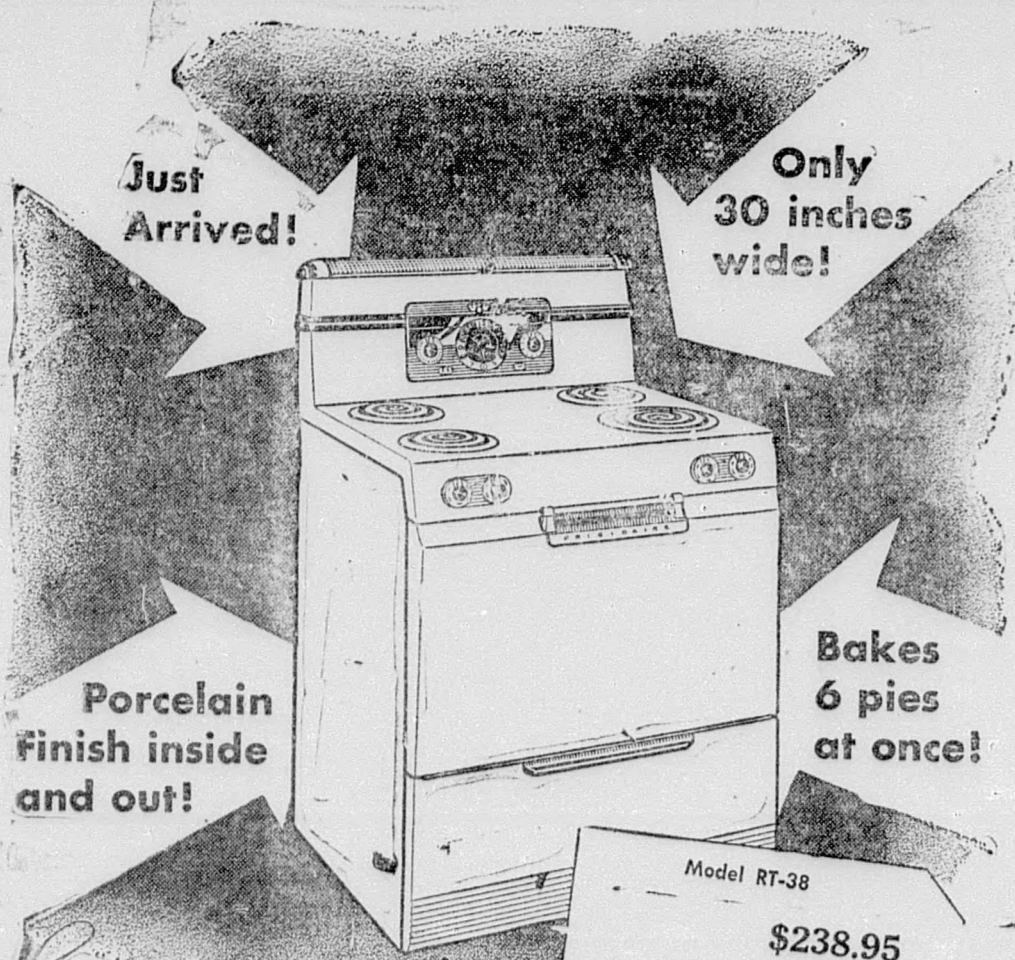
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ATTEND MEETING

H. B. Larkins and Ed Gingles attended the organizational meeting of the Independent Funeral Directors & Embalmers Association at Prattville Aug. 16. Purpose of the organization is to continue the effort created by the Federal Government in

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Circle No. 2

Mrs. Cleo Hawkins was hostess to Circle No. 2 of the WMF Monday afternoon. Mrs. Chalmers Blackmon presided. Mrs. Roscoe Deal taught the lesson of the subject of alcohol from the book "Alcohol The Destroyer."

Mr. & Mrs. George Herring

of Andalusia spent Thursday with her mother, Mrs. Jones English. Miss Naomi Thompson spent several days last week with relatives in Opelika.

Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Crook

returned to her home Sunday from a week's visit in Evergreen with her son, Dr. John R. Crook and family. They accompanied her home for the day.

Mr. & Mrs. Willard Powell

and two daughters of Elberta and Mr. & Mrs. Gus Young and children of Honorville spent Sunday at their mother's, Mrs. Gus Young.

Mr. & Mrs. Jerry House

and son of Blakely, Ga. spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Gardner Clark.

Rev. & Mrs. M. L. Seay

and children spent last week at Sunnyside Beach.

Mrs. Wiley Blair

has as her guests last weekend, Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Chapman of Orlando, Fla. Mrs. E. Manning of Troy, Mrs. Tulla Goodson and daughters of Opelika, Mrs. J. C. Boutwell of Jack and Miss Louise Manning and Mr. Howard of Troy.

Dr. & Mrs. W. B. Carter

of Panama City spent the weekend with Mrs. Jimmie Lee Poole.

Mrs. J. W. Parker

Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Dave Yates accompanied Jack Parker and Travis Bowers to Perkins Junior College in Mississippi where Jack and Travis will enter school.

BLUE SPRINGS REVIVAL

Twenty-one baptisms and three new members by letters of transfer raised membership of the Blue Springs Baptist Church to near-record levels after a revival concluded July 18.

Pastor Earl Minisew

conducted the revival. He said in recent months renewed interest in the church work has caused the Sunday School classes to grow from 12 members to around 55. Erection of an educational annex is being contemplated by church members, he said.

Get The Clipper Reading Habit

Mrs. W. P. Windham had as her guests over the weekend, Mr. & Mrs. Gertrude Johnson and Jerry Paul of Montgomery. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Silver of Greenville and Mrs. Raymond R. Ritter of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. & Mrs. Lewis Knox Jeter

and daughter, Fattis, and son, Jeff Carley of Goodwater spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Gardner Clark and Mr. Clark.

Miss Martha Ham

of Columbus, Ga. is spending this week with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Ham.

Mrs. Colon Whitman

and Mr. & Mrs. Flournoy Whitman were visitors to Montgomery Thursday.

Mrs. H. J. Clark

and Mrs. Ruby Haire spent last week in Birmingham and Montgomery.

Miss Anne Payne

has returned to Jacksonville, Fla. to resume her duties as a teacher there. Mrs. Ruby Ellis has returned from a visit to Tuscaloosa and points in Tennessee.

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From Seattle
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Gene Barry
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Sun.-Mon.-Tues.,
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Knights of the
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Robert Taylor
Ava Gardner
Mel Ferrer

Fri.-Sat., August 20-21
The Man from
Thunder River
George Hayes

Tues.-Weds. Aug. 25-26
Flight to Tangier
Joan Fontaine
Jack Palance
Corinne Calvet
Robert Douglas

Untamed Desire
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SUNDAY in the Churches

SPORTS

Who Cares Anyway ?



Not everybody cares what you did. It's in the paper, but some folks won't even read it.

It's because they just weren't interested. That's a painful thing, sometimes, but important to remember before you "cuss out" the editor for not putting a bigger headline on the story of your club meeting, your visit or whatever it was.

Nobody can tell exactly how many people will read a given story. But newspaper editors and writers are trained and experienced in having a sort of sixth sense to tell.

One story will automatically rate page one. Another rates page one with a big headline. Still another is dropped down to a couple of paragraphs on an inside page.

But an inside page is still read. (You are reading this one, aren't you?)

The front page is a newspaper's show window. On it are displayed what the editors honestly believe are the most important news events, human interest stories or pictures of their offerings that day.

The front page is sacred to newspapers. It cannot be bought. You could not, if you wished, bribe your way into the front page of this newspaper.

But if what you have done is rated among the 20 or so best of the week's hundred or so news stories, then you can't pay to keep it off.



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Headlines

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WIGGLY'S FOOD TREASURE HUNT

Medium Size Two Pounds

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Streak-O-Lean Pound

WHITE MEAT 25c

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SLICED BACON 59c

Swift's Select Pound

CHUCK ROAST 49c

Adams 10 lbs.

MEAL 65c

Homestead No. 303 Two Cans

TOMATOES 23c

Pet, Carnation, Silver Cow 3lg-6 Small

MILK 39c

New Blue Two Pkgs.

CHEER 59c

Jergens Toilet 5 Bars

SOAP 25c

Green Head lb.

CABBAGE 5c

Golden Yellow 2 lbs.

BANANAS 25c

Large Crisp Head

LETTUCE 10c

U. S. No. 1 Cobbler 10 lbs.

POTATOES 43c

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NYLON HOSE
Look ladies. Save money on your nylon hose. Twelve pair of full-fashioned 5115 denier latest color. In factory regulars or rejects for only \$2.00. Postpaid. Two dozen pair for \$3.75. Rush order at one. Limited supply. Sizes 8 1/2 to 11. Nelson Hosiery Co., Greenville, Ala. Aug 12-19p.

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Good opening. Sell Rawleigh Products in North Coffee County. Year around income, growing profits. See L. A. Rainey, Rt. 2, New Brockton, Ala. I'll help you or write Rawleigh's Dept. ALH-600-137, Memphis, Tenn. 31p Aug 15-19

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In quantities of 5000. Return address printed in upper left hand corner in black ink. This is all that is required.

CARD OF THANKS
We sincerely want to thank the people for their kindness and consideration shown during the illness and death of our mother and wife, Mrs. Lila Henderson. May God's richest blessings be with all.

MISSION REVIVAL CLOSING
Revival services at the Baptist Mission in West Elba closed Sunday after running since Aug. 8. Rev. Earl Holder, pastor, conducted the revival, and James Martin led song services.

LIBERTY REVIVAL
A five-night revival was held at Liberty Methodist Church Monday through Friday last week. Rev. Elvin T. Edgar, Methodist pastor, was evangelist and Rev. Gene Cioption, song leader. Wednesday night about 50 members of the Elba Methodist church attended the service as did a number of persons from Curtis.

Reserve Football Seats Going on Sale
Reserve seats for the coming football season will go on sale Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the high school principal's office, S. J. Casey, superintendent, announced last week.

RABIES CLINICS UNDERWAY HERE
Rabies clinics at which dogs are being inoculated for this disease are being held through-out Coffee County this week and next. For the time and location of the different clinics, see the schedule on an inside page.

Mrs. Lida Henderson Of Zion Chapel Dies
Mrs. Lida Henderson, resident of Zion Chapel community, died Aug. 10. She was the daughter of John and Mrs. Martha Prescott Williams.

Surviving are seven sons, Othello, Andrew, Frank, Marvin, John D. Matelson, and Gena Henderson, three daughters, Mrs. Fannie McClelland, Mrs. Dollie Rodgers and Mrs. Mary Conner; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Peters and Miss Ila Williams; two brothers, Bud and Dave Williams.

Funeral services were held on Aug. 11 at Zion Chapel church, Rev. G. P. Jones officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery, Hayes Funeral Home directing.

JOHN H. FARRIS
John H. Farris of Apt. 50 of Mr. & Mrs. Francis A. Farris of Elba, is among the 700 Naval Reserve midshipmen receiving 3 weeks of amphibious training at

People who would like to have an income from \$5 to \$12 per day while in the hospital. You can get this for a very low cost. Write Gene Nichols, P. O. Box 99, Elba, Ala. 21p Aug 19-26

OFFICE SUPPLIES
Typewriter ribbons, columnar pads, rubber stamps, legal pads, typing paper, carbon paper and other supplies in stock. The Elba Clipper.

FOR RENT
One bedroom house. Hot water heater. Neal Hutto. Phone 302. - 11p

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About People and Things

By C. B. McDowell

SAW SNAKES COME OUT

Harold English stirred up a regular "tempest in a teapot" when he stated that little rattlesnakes didn't scamper into their mother's mouth when frightened. Since my article recently printed in this column, several persons have come to me and declared they have seen with their own eyes little rattlers run into their mother's mouth and be swallowed, then emerge later without injury to the mother or themselves.

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Members of the Ashby Home Demonstration Club attending the Appreciation Dinner at Mt. Pleasant last Thursday. Mrs. Betty Sessions, Mrs. Bowdoin Sessions and Mrs. L. B. McCall. (Clipper)



Mrs. Lake English introduced the Home Demonstration Club leaders at the dinner given for them at Mt. Pleasant last Thursday by the Coffee County Chain Stores. Identified in the picture from left to right are Mrs. J. A. Foster of Kinston, Dalton Gentry of Enterprise, Mrs. Lake English, Elmer Hill of Elba and four unidentified persons. (Clipper)



Dalton Gentry, manager of the V. J. Elmore Stores in Enterprise presented gifts and served as toastmaster at the annual Appreciation Dinner honoring Home Demonstration Club leaders given last Thursday night at Mt. Pleasant by the Coffee County Chain Stores. Left to right are Miss Mamie Matthews, county home demonstration agent, Mrs. J. A. Foster of Kinston, Dalton Gentry and Mrs. Jeanette McDowell, assistant home agent. (Clipper)

Long-time Elba Resident Succumbs
Mrs. Daisy Winston, long-time resident of Elba, died Tuesday morning, Aug. 24. She had been in a hospital for several weeks. She was 72 years old and was survived by two sons, Winston, Washington, D. C., and Roger Winston, Elba, two sons are dead; four brothers, O. C. A. R., O. L. and J. D. Smith, all of Elba, one grandson, Roger Winston Jr.

Funeral services will be held at the Elba Methodist Church Thursday morning, Aug. 26 at 10 o'clock. Rev. Elvin T. Edgar officiating. Burial will be in the Elba cemetery. Hayes Funeral Home directing.

PREDICTS STRONG TEAM
Ned Young principal and basketball coach of the Elba High School team, predicted that the team recently that he had one of his best years' ever and several others have shown promise. He predicted, "We are going to be hard to beat this coming year."

COACH YOUNG HAS AN OUTSTANDING RECORD FOR DEVELOPING BASKETBALL STARS. Five members of Elba's championship squad were developed at Damascus.

BOBBY BULL'S "PROVED"
Bobby Bull, a well-known Elba resident, has been informed that Bobby Bull, stationed at Maxwell Field in Montgomery, has been promoted from Airman Second Class to Airman First Class. His wife is making her home with her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Kermit Crook.

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\$50,000 Fire Destroys Warehouse Here

The brick warehouse belonging to the Elba Gin & Warehouse Co. in West Elba was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon, Jesse W. Brown, manager, stated Monday. That approximately 187 bales of cotton were in the warehouse, about four and one-half tons of cottonseed meal, a quantity of cottonseed hulls and some expensive grass seed belonging to a private individual which had been left there to be sold.

In commenting on the fire, Mr. Brown stated Monday that Hollan Harrison, bookkeeper for the company, and his son, Holton, went to the warehouse Sunday afternoon to get a sample of cotton. Upon entering the building they discovered smoke emerging from a bale of cotton in the northeast corner of the room.

They tried to put out the blaze with fire extinguishers and thought they had it under control. But at this point somebody opened the large door and the rush of air into the heated, gas-filled building caused an explosion and flames enveloped the whole interior.

The two Harrisons made a strenuous effort to save the office books and records and did succeed in getting some of them outside. However, many valuable records were lost. In their efforts to save the books, Hollan received painful burns on his arm, shoulder and neck and suffered a severe case of fainting. He recovered after being treated by a doctor. Hollan's burns are painful but not serious.

There was considerable delay in turning in the alarm and when the fire department did arrive the warehouse interior was entirely aflame. Mr. Brown

said he thought the volunteers did a fine job and he was well-pleased with their efforts. It is estimated that the warehouse and contents constituted a loss of about \$50,000. It was a bonded warehouse so the customers were protected against loss. The building was partially covered by insurance, Mr. Brown said. He stated that ginning is continuing as usual as that part of his plant was not affected at all, being located 50 yards from the warehouse. The large peanut warehouse belonging to the company will be used for storage.

No rebuilding program will be undertaken this fall in all probability, the owner said but he hopes a modern warehouse can be erected on the site before the ginning season arrives next year. The brick warehouse was built 47 years ago. "Uncle Bill" Taylor and Jesse Lindsey were the owners. The present owners partially rebuilt the walls several years ago when the walls became dangerous. Old timers, Taylor and Lindsey had a wooden warehouse located where the city pumping station and warehouse are now situated.

It was the Elba fire department's first experience in combating a major cotton fire and gave firemen different problems than they have faced before. Those who observed the firemen agreed that their methods could hardly have been improved upon.

Most of the cotton bales for hours smoldered although heavy streams of water were played on them. A cotton fire extinguishing Co. from Atlanta, Ga., was employed to put out the fire in the bales. It is believed that a considerable amount of the cotton can be salvaged.

Drought Loan Requirements Explained

Production Emergency Loans are now authorized in Coffee County, James S. Priddy, supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration office in Enterprise has been notified.

The primary purpose of this loan is the extension of credit to farmers and stockmen who have suffered substantial damage as a result of a production disaster and who are unable to obtain from commercial banks, cooperative lending agencies or other sources the credit required to carry on their farming or livestock operations.

A farm or stockman, including a partnership or corporation engaged primarily in farming or stock-raising operations, who has suffered substantial damage as a result of a production disaster, is eligible to receive a

emergency loan, provided he is unable to obtain the necessary credit for continuing his farming operations from other local sources. With any loan, a MUST BE OBTAINED.

Before a loan is made, the local County Committee must certify that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, the applicant has suffered a substantial loss in production, is unable to obtain the necessary credit required to carry on his farming or livestock operations.

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Rex Hardy Claims Mystery Farm Photo

While the property has been in the family for three generations, it is a recent happening on the Rex Hardy place on the Troy highway—last week's mystery farm—has furnished the interesting part of this writeup.

Known as the old Henry Free farm, the property is situated in both sides of the Troy road as miles from Elba.

As recently as Rex could recall, his grandfather purchased the place from Lewis Stanton about 60 years ago.

The house seen in the picture last week was moved to its present site from New Brockton in 1948. It had been used as a night watchman's house at a lumber mill. The structure contained only three rooms but the Hardy family added to it and made it into a home.

Mrs. Mary Farris lives in the house now as Mr. & Mrs. Hardy have moved to Pensacola where he is employed in the construction trade. Mrs. Farris teaches the fifth grade in the Pensacola City School system while their

daughter, Kathy, attends the third grade.

By coincidence, the picture of their home appeared in the Clipper on the weekend they were visiting friends and relatives here.

Rex's brother, Leon, has joint ownership of the 16-acre farm with him and does the farming end of it. Consequently Rex was not in a position to say too much about the actual farming operations except that they were done with a tractor and 56 of the 100 acres were in cultivation.

Hayes, Bibb Farris, John Frank Hudson, Jarrett Michel, Leon B. Hudson, Wainne McDonald, Carroll Flowers, Rex Marier, Joel Matthews.

Coach Gathier said a physical examination for the squad was scheduled for Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the gym. He asked that all prospective players be on hand to get their exam at this time.

Football Squad Reports for Workouts

Coach Perrino Gathier started pre-school football practice on Monday afternoon with about 22 members reporting to the first drill. The rules stipulate that a football squad may train without pads until Sept. 1, after which the keys are put in full uniform and training is continued in earnest.

Coach Gathier stated Monday morning that practices would be held each afternoon this week at 3 o'clock. Beginning Monday two practices will be held daily—once in the morning and the other late in the afternoon. Gathier said he will have 11 members as a nucleus for his team this year.

Assistant Coach Charles McCurtley, graduate of A.P.I. Auburn and a member of last season's Auburn team, is on hand and counted upon to give valuable assistance.

Lettermen returning for the season Chevrolet was awarded the bid on a half ton pickup for the forestry department when the Commissioners Court met Monday morning at the city house. Delivery will be made in October.

Bowden was given an order to buy 70 feet of pipe and bond.

Flournoy Whitman was given an order to get bids on 10 pieces of 20-foot piling and 10 pieces of 20-foot piling.

Whitman was ordered to use a dozer and DW-19 in doing some work for Steve Smith.

Motion to adjourn carried, subject to call by the board and purchase of 1000 pounds of cotton chasers, Hugo Marx & Co. in connection with the \$100,000 in anticipation warrants sold Aug. 8.

"LADIES ONLY" SOFTBALL TILT SCHEDULED

The Lions will meet the Junior Chamber of Commerce in a ladies softball game at the high school athletic field Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

All the players will be attired as women. Admission will be 25c with the proceeds going to buy school lunches for children who are unable to afford them.

Mystery Farm Photo to Be Identified



The operator of the farm pictured above will receive a beautiful enlargement of the original photo, two if it is used. The Clipper and identify his farm. Everyone recognizing the farm should let The Clipper know, so that the identity can be published next week.

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